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Revenue Department

Minutes of Consultation

22nd June 1855

Batch No 52 & 53

Order No 853 of 19th June 1855

(6 Rents)

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Fort Saint George, Revenue Consultation of 22d June 1858.

No. 52. Read the following Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st May 1858, No. 1825.

Dated 26th April in Cons. 21st May 1858. Read letter from the Collector of Trichinopoly, reporting on a suggestion of the Chief Engineer to exact payment of Teerva for the whole extent of the land under the Ponnairy channel for Fusly 1267 as the ryots were fully warned of the intention to open the channel in this year.

(Here enter No. 71.)

In Consultation 23rd April 1858. Ordered that the foregoing letter be submitted to Government with reference to para. 5 of the Minutes of Consultation of Government, under date the 27th October 1857, No. 2013, P. W. D., *Revenue Irrigation.*

2. The Collector states that the channel was not opened until the very end of July 1857 and that the supply of water proved scant and often insufficient; and in some cases failed entirely In consequence, out of 642 Cawnies undertaken, 372 only had been brought under Paddy cultivation up to the 23rd November 1857, though much land had been prepared previous to the open ing of the channel. At the date mentioned above the supply of water ceased, and the irrigation having thus failed, the crops failed also, the ryots losing the labor of themselves and the cattle, and the value of the seed.

3. Under these circumstances the Board agree with Mr. Bird that it would be most impolitic and inequitable to exact the assessment for the whole extent of land irrigable from the channel, and approve of his intention to remit the entire demand even upon the 372 Cawnies cultivated; the crops having perished for want of the irrigation which it was the part of Government to supply.

4. It is noticed that the Collector sees reason to doubt, that the under-tunnel which has been sanctioned, will be completed this year.

5. With reference to para. 6 of the Minutes of Consultation of Government adverted to above, the Board observe that their report to Government on the question of levying a cess on irrigated lands, for the purpose of maintaining channel establishments has been delayed by the non-receipt of replies from the Provinces, but will be submitted at an early date.

(A true Extract.)

(Signed) G. S. FORBES, *Secretary.*

No. 53. ORDER THEREON, No. 853; dated 19th June 1858.

I. Refering to the opening of the Ponairy channel from the Coleroon in July 1857, the Chief Engineer in para. 4 of his letter dated 19th September of that year, No. 3803, suggested that the whole extent of land taken up for cultivation under this channel, should be classed and paid for as "Nunjah", as the ryots had been fully warned of the intention to open the channel in 1857; and the Government referred this point, through the Board of Revenue, for the report of the Collector of Trichinopoly. This report the Board now lay before Government; and from it it is observed that so far from having profited by the channel, the ryots have actually lost the capital sunk in their cultivation, by the irrigation failing after the land had been duly prepared and sown.

2. Mr. Bird reports that the entire cultivable land capable of irrigation on the final completion of the Ponairy channel, is 2,284 Cawnies; that of this extent, the ryots took up 642 Cawnies on the opening of the channel, but that in consequence of the water proving precarious, scant, and often insufficient, only 372 Cawnies were after all applied to Paddy cultivation; and that even in these 372 Cawnies, the cultivation failed because the water failed. For these reasons, Mr. Bird not only thinks that it would be unjust to demand payment of tax upon the whole extent of land irrigable by the channel, but he proposes to remit the assessment upon the 372 Cawnies even that were cultivated; and in this view, he is fully upheld by the Board.

3. As this is a matter which is the particular business of the Collector, and not of the Engineer, the Government are not surprised to find that the proposition of the latter officer is an ill advised one. So far then from the whole extent of irrigable land being taxed, as proposed by the Chief Engineer, it is evident from the report of the Collector that the tax on the greater portion should be remitted.

(Signed) W. H. BAYLEY,
Acting Secretary to Government.

No. 1825.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue, dated 21st May 1858.

Dated 26th April, in Con. 21st May 1858.

Read letter from the Collector of Trichinopoly, reporting on a suggestion of the Chief Engineer to exact payment of Teerwa for the whole extent of land under the Ponnairy channel for Fusly 1267 as the ryots were fully warned of the intention to open the channel in this year.

(Here enter No. 71.)

In Con. 23d April 1858.

Ordered that the foregoing letter be submitted to Government with reference to para 5 of the Minutes of Consultation of Government, under date the 27th October 1857, No. 2013, P. W. D., *Revenue Irrigation.*

2. The Collector states that the channel was not opened until the very end of July 1857, and that the supply of water proved scant and often insufficient; and in some cases failed entirely. In consequence, out of 642 Cawnies undertaken, 372 only had been brought under Paddy cultivation up to the 23d November 1857, though much land had been prepared previous to the opening of the Channel. At the date mentioned above the supply of water ceased, and the irrigation having thus failed, the crops failed also, the ryots losing the labour of themselves and cattle, and the value of the seed.

3. Under these circumstances the Board agree with Mr. Bird that it would be most impolitic and inequitable to exact the assessment for the whole extent of land irrigable from the channel, and approve of his intention to remit the entire demand even upon the 372 Cawnies cultivated; the crops having perished for want of the irrigation which it was the part of Government to supply.

4. It is noticed that the Collector sees reason to doubt, that the under-tunnel which has been sanctioned, will be completed this year.

5. With reference to para 6 of the Minutes of Consultation of Government adverted to above, the Board observe that their report to Government on the question of levying a cess on irrigated lands, for the purpose of maintaining channel establishments has been delayed by the non-receipt of replies from the Provinces, but will be submitted at an early date.

(A true Extract.)

Secretary.

W. H. BAYLEY, Esq., *Acting Secretary to Government, R. D.*
Copy to the Collector of Trichinopoly.

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Extract from the Minutes of Consultation
Under date the 19th June 1858

Read the following
Extract from the Proceedings
of the Board of Revenue

(Here enter 21 May/58 No 1825)

Referring to the opening of the Ponnairy channel from the Coleroon in July/57, the Chief Engr in para 4 of his letter dated 19th Sept of that year, No 3803, suggested that the whole extent of land taken up for cultivation under this channel, should be classed and paid for as "Nunjah", as the Ryots had been fully warned of the intention to open the channel in 1857; and the Govt referred this point, thro the Board of Revenue, for the report of the Colr of Trichinopoly. The report the Board now lay before Govt and from it, it is observed that so far from having profited by the channel, the ryots have actually

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Do 22d June
No 860

Extract from the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue
Dated 21st May 1858
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Entered No 1825.

Lr No 808, 14 June 1817[illegible].

Submitting a letter from the Collector of Trichinopoly reporting on the suggestion of the Chief Engineer to levy a demand for the land under the Ponnairy channel for Fusly 1267 connecting with Mr Bird that such a measure is unjustifiable; and explaining the delay in reporting on the levy of a cess for the maintenance of channel establishment.

No 82.

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lost the capital sunk in their cultivations, by the irrigation failing after the land had been duly prepared and sown.

Mr. Bird reports that the entire cultivable land capable of irrigation on the completion of the Primary channel, is 2,284 cawnies; that of this extent, the rajots took up 642 cawnies on the opening of the channel, but that in consequence of the water proving precarious, scanty & often insufficient, only 372 cawnies were after all applied to paddy cultivation; and that even in these 372 cawnies, the cultivations failed because the water failed. For these reasons, Mr. Bird not only thinks that it would be unjust to demand payment of tax upon the whole extent of land irrigable by the channel, but he proposes to remit the assessment even upon the 372 cawnies that were cultivated; and in this view, he

is fully upheld by the Bond.

As this is a matter which is the particular business of the Collr, and not of the Engineer, the Govt are not disposed to find that the proposition of the Revenue Officers and Collector of the latter officers as to advised one view of the case is for them from the whole extent of irrigable land being taxed, as proposed by the Chief Engr, it is evident from the report of the Collr that the tax on the fresh portion should be remitted.

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Extract Minutes Cons.
D/ 19th June/58

From the Central Office of P.W.
D/ 24th June/58 P.W. C.No 1309
Rec'd 13 July

Conferr with the Board on the Powers proposed by them for the proposal of the Chief Engineer for the Erection of a Jetty for the Coal Trade at the Inner Harbour Channel Cardiff & report that it would be inexpedient to confer the Powers proposed by the Corporation upon the Chief Engineer & represent to them the inexpedience

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